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SUBJ: WALDHEIM APRIL 7 PRESS CONFERENCE IN VIENNA

1. UN SECGEN WALDHEIM HELD PRESS CONFERENCE IN VIENNA
AFTERNOON APRIL 7 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRIAN AND FOREIGN
PRESS. HIGHLIGHTS OF WALDHEIM'S COMMENTS FOLLOW:

A. CRITICISM OF UN: WALDHEIM RESPONDED TO PRESS
OBSERVATIONS OF INADEQUACIES OF UN BY STATING THAT "UN IS
NOT WORLD GOVERNMENT, IT IS A MIRROR OF WORLD SITUATION AND
THIS SITUATION HAS CHANGED COMPLETELY SINCE FOUNDING OF UN".
CRITICISM OF UN AND IN PART ALSO OF SECGEN HIMSELF ARISES,
ACCORDING TO WALDHEIM, FROM THIS CHANGED SITUATION. CRITICISM
COMES ONLY FROM WEST, WHICH IS PSYCHOLOGICALLY UNDERSTANDABLE
SINCE WEST HAS BEEN USED TO CALLING TUNE IN PAST WHEREAS
THIRD WORLD IS NOW IN MAJORITY. (NO MENTION WAS MADE BY
WALDHEIM OF CURRENT VOTING RECORD OF COMMUNIST COUNTRIES).

B. REFUGEE RELIEF IN INDOCHINA: WALDHEIM STATED HE MADE
LITTLE NOTED APPEAL ON MARCH 31 FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES
IN VIETNAM AND THAT WORLD ORGANIZATION WOULD DO ITS
UTMOST TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF INDOCHINA CONFLICT. HE
INDICATED THAT HIS EARLIER DECISION TO SUPPORT OPENING
IN GENEVA OF LIAISON OFFICE OF VIET CONG WAS CRITICIZED
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AT THAT TIME BUT NOW ONE IS HAPPY THAT IT IS POSSIBLE

THROUGH THIS OFFICE TO BE IN CONTACT WITH ONE OF PARTIES
TO CONFLICT.

C. CYPRUS TALKS: EXACT DATE FOR BEGINNING OF TALKS
HAS NOT YET BEEN FIXED AND DEPENDS ON NUMBER OF TECHNICAL
QUESTIONS WHICH WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED
WITH AUSTRIAN FONMIN. WALDHEIM STATED HE WOULD BE
PRESENT AT TALKS AND THAT FIRST PHASE OF TALKS WOULD
PROBABLY BE OF SHORT DURATION. BOTH PARTIES TO TALKS
WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS BEFORE
FURTHER STEPS WERE UNDERTAKEN.

2. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT OTHER POSTS AS DESIRED.
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